

Application No. 10/092,922

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the foregoing amendment and following remarks is respectfully requested.


Claims 2, 5-8, 10 and 13 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 11 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of the allowance of claims 2, 5-8, 10 and 13.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arai (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0053491). Claim 3 has been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Since this amendment obviates the final rejection, the application now in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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